

Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 01824 122005 Z

73

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 CIAE-00 PM-09 INR-10 L-03 NEA-10

NSAE-00 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 GAC-01 USIA-12 TRSE-00

MBFR-03 SAJ-01 ACDA-19 SS-15 NSC-10 IO-12 OMB-01

RSR-01 /138 W

----- 054614

R 121800 Z APR 73

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9712

SECDEF WASHDC

C O N F I D E N T I A L USNATO 1824

E. O. 11652: GDS, 12-31-79

TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, NATO

SUBJECT: SURVIVABILITY OF NATO HEADQUARTERS

REF: STATE 55292

SUMMARY. FURTHER POLADS DISCUSSION APRIL 10 OF POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF NATO HEADQUARTERS SURVIVABILITY WAS MARKED BY CONTINUING EFFORTS BY SEVERAL EUROPEAN ALLIES TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE OF HARDENED- SITE OPTION. IS WILL NOW DO BLUE REFLECTING VIEWS EXPRESSED TO DATE WHICH WILL SERVE AS BASIS OF FURTHER DISCUSSION. END SUMMARY.

1. OPENING DISCUSSION, US REP ADVISED THAT US CAN AGREE TO WORK ON BASIS OF MODEL WHEREBY COUNCIL WILL BE RECONSTITUTED IN UNITED STATES (REFTEL). FRENCH REP INQUIRED REGARDING STATUS OF STUDY BY COEC ON TECHNICAL/ FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF COUNCIL RELOCATION TO ANOTHER SITE IN EUROPE. UK REP SUGGESTED, AND COEC REP CONFIRMED, THAT OPTION OF ALTERNATIVE EUROPEAN SITE HAD BEEN ABANDONED. COEC REP FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT CURRENT NATO HQ WOULD HAVE TO BE HARDENED IF IT WERE DETERMINED THAT NAC SHOULD ATTEMPT TO REMAIN IN EUROPE BEYOND INITIATION OF HOSTILITIES. POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER SITE IN EUROPE MORE SECURE THAN BRUSSELS WAS SEEN AS CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NATO 01824 122005 Z

UNREALISTIC, HE SAID, AND ADDED THAT QUESTION PUT TO POLADS WAS SIMPLY TO EXAMINE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF SITUATION

IN WHICH NAC COULD NOT OPERATE IN EUROPE.

2. ITALIAN REP OBJECTED TO TERMS OF REFERENCE SET OUT BY COEC REP AND ARGUED THAT MERE FACT OF NAC' S SHIFT TO UNITED STATES IN TIME OF CRISIS WOULD BE SEEN AS MAJOR DEFEAT FOR NATO. ACCORDINGLY, HE ARGUED THAT ALLIES SHOULD CONSIDER HOW TO KEEP NAC IN EUROPE THROUGH PROTECTION OF EXISTING SITE OR CREATION OF SECOND, PROTECTED SITE. BELGIAN REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES ENVISAGED HARDENED SITE IN BRUSSELS AND ALTERNATIVE SITE IN UNITED STATES. FRENCH REP AGAIN ARGUED THAT COSTS OF ALTERNATIVE SITE IN EUROPE, HARDENED AND UNHARDENED, SHOULD BE EXAMINED, WHILE GREEK REP SUPPORTED ITALIAN POSITION.

3. COMMENT: POLADS WILL RETURN TO SUBJECT APRIL 16 ON BASIS OF BLUE PREPARED BY IS, WHICH WILL ATTEMPT TO REFLECT POSITIONS EXPRESSED TO DATE. PROBLEM FACING COMMITTEE AT THIS POINT IS DESIRE ON PART OF SEVERAL EUROPEAN ALLIES TO EMPLOY POLITICAL ARGUMENTATION -- THAT IT WOULD BE OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO MORALE OF EUROPEAN ALLIES TO HAVE NAC REMAIN IN EUROPE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE DURING HOSTILITIES -- IN SUPPORT OF HARDENED SITE.

MCAULIFFE

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 02 APR 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 APR 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: boyleja
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973NATO01824
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730458/abqcdyjl.tel
Line Count: 79
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: n/a
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 55292
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: boyleja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13-Aug-2001 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <18-Sep-2001 by boyleja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SURVIVABILITY OF NATO HEADQUARTERS
TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, NATO
To: STATE
SECDEF
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005